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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT

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BEGIN TEXT:

IN THE COURSE OF THE JUST CONCLUDED XII ROUND OF

THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE MUTUAL REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES

AND ARMAMENTS AND ASSOCIATED MEASURES IN CENTRAL EUROPE

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WE HAVE CONTINUED OUR SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS WHICH WOULD

CREATE A BASIS FOR AN AGREEMENT. THE WORK WAS CONDUCTED

IN TWO AREAS: THAT OF THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON GENERAL

PRINCIPLES OF REDUCTION, AND THE DISCUSSION ON DATA

CONCERNING THE NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF THE ARMED FORCES

OF THE WARSAW TREATY STATES AND THE NATO STATES IN THE

AREA OF THE FUTURE REDUCTIONS.

IN THE DISCUSSION ON THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF REDUCTION, THE SOCIALIST STATES HAVE GIVEN PROFF OF THEIR PERMANENT STRIVE FOR THE FURTHERING OF DETENTE, AND REAFFIRMED THE READINESS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE REDUCTION OF FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN OVER THE TRENDS WITNIN NATO STATES AND DECLARATIONS BY THE NATO COUNCIL, LEADING TO THE INTENSIFICATION OF ARMAMENTS AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW TYPES OF WEAPONS INTO EUROPE, WHICH CONTRADICTS THE SPIRIT AND THE GOAL OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS. IN THIS CONTEXT, I WOULD LIKE TO REMARK THAT THE DISCUSSION ON THE NEUTRON BOMB IN THE NATO STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF EXTENDING THE LIMITATIONS OVER NUCLEAR ARMS, AS IT HAS BEEN PROPSOED BY THE SOCIALIST DELEGATIONS IN VIENNA.

THE SOCIALIST STATES HAVE DEMONSTRATED THEIR STRONG WILL TO HALT THE ARMAMENTS RACE AND SUBSTANTIALLY DIMINISH THE HIGH MILITARY CONCENTRATION IN THE CENTRE OF EUROPE. WE HAVE STRESSED THE NEED TO PERSERVE, IN THE COURSE OF REDUCTIONS AND IN THEIR OUTCOME, THE APPROXIMATE PARITY OF THE TWO GROUPINGS' ARMED FORCES IN THE AREA. THIS EQUILIBRIUM EXISTS IN REALITY AND HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIATED BY THE OFFICIAL DATA ON THE NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF ARMED FORCES, EXCHANGED LAST YEAR. WITHOUT THE PRESERVATION OF

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THIS EQUAL RELATIONSHIP OF FORCES ONE CANNOT EXPECT STABLE PEACE AND SECURITY IN EUROPE.

IN THIS CONNECTION, WE HAVE RECALLED THE NECESSITY TO OBSERVE THE PRINCIPLES AGREED UPON BY THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE TALKS FOUR YEARS AGO: MUTUALITY AND EQUITY OF REDUCTIONS AND POST-REDUCTION LIMITATIONS, AS WELL AS MAINTAININTAINING NON-DIMINISHED SECURITY OF EACH PARTY. THIS IMPLIES THAT NONE OF THE PARTIES TO THE FUTURE AGREEMENT SHOULD STRIVE FOR OBTAINING UNILATERAL MILITARY ADVANTAGES.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE DISCUSSION ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF REDUCTION HAS NOT BROUGHT ABOUT PROGRESS EXPECTED BY THE SOCIALIST STATES. THE WESTERN PARTICIPANTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE NOT DISPLAYED READINESS TO SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS ON THE BASIS OF COMPROMISE PROPOSALS OF FEBRUARY 19, 1976, WHICH WE UPHELD IN THE COURSE OF THE XII ROUND. THERE IS STILL NO CONSTRUCTIVE RESPONSE OF THE WESTERN STATES TO THIS PROPOSAL, NEITHER TO OUR PROPOSAL ON THE "FREEZING" OF THE NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF THE FORCES OF THE ELEVEN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE FOR THE DURATION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

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AS IN THE PAST, THE WESTERN DELEGATIONS' POSITION CONSISTED
IN REPEATING THE OLD PROPOSALS AIMED AT IMPROVING
THE MILITARY POSTURE OF THE NATO IN RELATION TO THE WARSAW
TREATY. WITHOUT ENTERING INTO DETAILS, ONE MUST SAY THAT
DURING THE XII ROUND THE WESTERN STATES HAVE NOT CHANGED
A SINGLE ELEMENT OF THEIR UNREALISTIC STAND.

THEY CONTINUE TO DEMAND ALMOST THREE TIMES LARGER
REDUCTIONS OF THE WARSAW TREATY FORCES IN THE AREA. THIS WOULD
RESULT IN A CONSIDERABLE NUMERICAL DISPARITY FAVOURING THE NATO
FORCES. THEY ARE STILL AVOIDING THE INCLUSION OF ARMAMENTS
INTO THE REDUCTION PROCESS, AND DO NOT WISH TO REDUCE AIR
FORCE, AS WELL AS UNITS EQUIPPED WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THEY
CONTINUE TO REQUEST DIFFERENT REDUCTION METHODS FOR THEIR OWN
FORCES AND FOR OUR FORCES. THE WEST-EUROPEAN STATES AND CANADA
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CONTINUE TO AVOID GIVING EVEN GENERAL GUARANTEES OF THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE REDUCTION BY STIPULATING A SIZE AND TIME OF THEIR FORCES' REDUCTION.

THE UNJUST NATURE OF THE WESTERN POSITION IS MAGNIFIED BY THE FACT THAT, UNDER THE FORMULA OF "COLLECTIVE CEILINGS", THEY AIM TO LEAVE OVER 2/3 OF THE NATO POTENTIAL OUTSIDE INDIVIDUAL LIMITATIONS, AND AT THE SAME TIME DEMAND THAT THE USSR FORCES IN THE AREA BE COVERED BY INDIVIDUAL LIMITS. "COLLECTIVE CEILINGS" WOULD LEAVE OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INCREASE IN THE NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF FORCES OF INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS ABOVE THEIR PRESENT LEVELS, WHICH CONTRADICTS THE AIM OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS.

IT IS ILLUSORY TO EXPECT THAT THE SOCIALIST STATES WILL ACCEPT THE POSTULATES EVIDENTLY DIMINISHING THEIR SECURITY AND RESULTING IN UNILATERAL MILITARY ADVANTAGES FOR THE NATO. ANOTHER IMPORTANT ASPECT OF OUR DEBATES IN THE XII ROUND WAS THE DISCUSSION ON DATA RELATED TO THE NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF THE FORCES OF THE WARSAW TREATY STATES AND THE NATO STATES IN CENTRAL EUROPE. WE ALL KNOW THAT THIS FIELD OF WORK IS SUBORDINATED TO THE REACHING OF A BASIC AGREEMENT ON REDUCTIONS.

IN THIS DEBATE THE SOCIALIST STATES' DELEGATIONS HAVE DEMONSTRATED A MAXIMUM OF GOOD WILL. WE HAVE ANSWERED TO NUMEROUS QUESTIONS AND PRESENTED CLARIFICATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFICIAL DATA TABLED LAST YEAR ON THE NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF THE WARSAW TREATY STATES' FORCES IN THE AREA AS ON JANUARY 1, 1976. THE WESTERN DELEGATIONS WERE ANSWERING OUR QUESTIONS.

DURING THIS ROUND WE HAVE SUPPLEMENTED WITH NEW IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OUR PROPOSAL, SUBMITTED IN THE PREVIOUS UNCLASSIFIED

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ROUND, ON THE BREAK UP OF THE EXCHANGED BLOCK DATA INTO THE NATIONAL CONTINGENTS' DATA. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE ADOPTION OF THIS PROPOSAL WOULD ALLOW US, IN A MOST EFFECTIVE MANNER, TO CLARIFY THE REASONS FOR THE WESTERN OVER-ESTIMATIONS OF THE WARSAW TREATY FORCES IN THE AREA. THE NATO STATES HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO THESE OVER-ESTIMATES SINCE 1973, AND HAVE USED THEM IN CONSTRUCTING THEIR ENTIRE UNJUST REDUCTION SCHEME.

COMMENTING ON THIS FIELD OF OUR TALKS, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THE HALF A YEAR LONG DISCUSSION ON DATA HAS NOT, UNFORTUNATELY, BROUGHT US CLOSER TO AN AGREEMENT. THE WESTERN DELEGATIONS REPEAT GROUNDLESS CLAIMS CONCERNING AN ALLEGED LARGE MILITARY SUPERIORITY OF THE WARSAW TREATY

STATES. BUT WHEN IT COMES TO CONCRETE FACTS, THEY ARE
UNABLE TO PRESENT ANY PROOF OF THE AUTHENTICITY OF SUCH
EVALUATIONS. INSTEAD, WE ARE FACED WITH EFFORTS TO
PENETRATE INTO DETAILS OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE
OF THE WARSAW TREATY STATES' ARMED FORCES.

SUMMING UP, THE SITUATION AT THE NEGOTIATIONS AFTER
THE XII ROUND IS CHARACTERIZED BY A LACK OF TANGIBLE
PROGRESS. THE SOCIALIST STATES' DELEGATIONS ARE STILL
CONVINCED THAT PROGRESS IN VIENNA WOULD HAVE GREAT
SIGNIFICANCE. BUT IT REQUIRES A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE WESTERN
APPROACH.

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